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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CHAIRMAN
RUSSELL PETERSON

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1. HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHAIRMAN PETERSON AND DR. TALBOT TO TRAVEL TO KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK ON NIGHT OF 20 JANUARY. WHEN CHIEF OF NATIONAL PARKS PHAIROT SUWANAKORN LEARNED OF VISIT, HE INSISTED ON LEADING THE PARTY TO KHAO YAI AND HAS ARRANGED ACCOMMODATIONS IN FORESTRY DEPARTMENT GUEST HOUSE. MR. PONG LENG-EE IS UPCOUNTRY IN THAILAND ATTENDING CONFERENCE AND PROBABLY WILL NOT RETURN PRIOR 20 JANUARY. IF HE SHOULD RETURN IN TIMZ, BELIEVE PHAIROT WILL ALSO INVITE HIM TO ACCOMPANY PARTY.

2. DR. BOONSONG HAS NOT YET RETURNED FROM MANGROVE CONFERENCE IN SOUTH THAILAND. WE WILL DETERMINE HIS AVAILABILITY AS SOON AS HE ARRIVES. MR. PAULEY ACCEPTS INVITATION TO ACCOMPANY PARTY.

3. THERE ARE TWO POSSIBILITIES FOR BOAT TRIP REQUESTED IN REFTTEL. ONE WOULD BE IN BANGKOK AREA AND THE OTHER WOULD BE NEAR BANGKOK IN WAT PHYLOM AREA. WE WOULD SUGGEST TRIP TO WAT PHYLOM WHERE OPEN BILLED STORKS ARE NOW NESTING AND YOUNG HAVE JUST HATCHED. THIS TRIP COULD ALSO INCLUDE TWO KILOMETER BOAT RIDE TO ANOTHER WAT IN AREA WHICH
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MR. BOONSONG IS ATTEMPTING TO HAVE SET ASIDE AS A NEW WILD-

LIFE SANCTUARY. DETAILS OF BOAT TRIP CAN BE WORKED OUT AFTER
CHAIRMAN PETERSON'S ARRIVAL.
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